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FOR MRS. SHIRLEY, EUR/WE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (BRINKHORST, LAURENS)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST:
FURTHER DETAILS ON BRINKHORST'S SUBJECT INTERESTS

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 5408

(B) MRS. SHIRLEY/DCM TELECON

1. DCM SAW FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST NOV 14 FOR
A FINAL REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS NOV 20-22
WASHINGTON VISIT. BRINKHORST REITERATED HIS
PLEASURE AND GRATITUDE FOR EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF
APPOINTMENTS WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED FOR HIM.

2. DCM ELICITED FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE PRINCIPAL
SUBJECTS WHICH BRINKHORST HOPES TO DISCUSS WITH HIS
STATE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
OF APPOINTMENTS):

(A) ASST. SEC. HARTMAN. ALL IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF
US-EC RELATIONS, INCLUDING EC-AFRICAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS
AS THEY IMPINGE ON GATT AND US COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH
AFRICA. IN THIS AND HIS OTHER CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING
EUROPE BRINKHORST WILL WANT TO HEAR OUR VIEWS ON EXTENT
TO WHICH EUROPE AS AN ENTITY PLAYS A ROLE IN US FOREIGN
POLICY. HE WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE
PROSPECTS FOR FOSTERING AND REGULARIZING THE US-EC
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DIALOGUE. HE WOULD PERSONALLY SUPPORT, FOR INSTANCE,

MORE FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND BETWEEN TOP-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND EC OFFICIALS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. HE REACTED FAVORABLY FOR EXAMPLE TO AMB. EBERLE'S RECENT VISIT TO BRIEF EUROPEAN OFFICIALS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM; HE WOULD ONLY HOPE THAT THESE OFFICIALS COULD OCCASIONALLY INCLUDE THE HAGUE ON THEIR ITINERARY. BRINKHORST IS KNOWLEDGABLE ON THE PROSPECTS, AS THE DUTCH SEE THEM, FOR THE PROPOSED EC SUMMIT IN PARIS NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AT LENGTH. HE HAS NO "MANDATE" TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN SECURITY SUBJECTS SUCH AS CSCE AND MBFR BUT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR ANY POINTS WHICH ASST. SEC. HARTMAN CARES TO MAKE (WHICH BRINKHORST WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT TO HIS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS).

(B) COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT. US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. BRINKHORST WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO DISCUSS, WITH HIS CUSTOMARY FRANKNESS AND PERSPICUITY, INTERNAL POLITICS, ESPECIALLY THE POLITICS OF THE LEFT, AS A FACTOR IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF HIS AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. MR. SONNENFELDT'S VIEW ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE PLO, WOULD BE MOST WELCOME SINCE THIS IS A SUBJECT OF GREAT CONCERN AND SENSITIVITY FOR THE GON.

(C) THE ACTING SECRETARY. BRINKHORST WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO HEAR THE ACTING SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON THE IEP AND GISCARD D'ESTAING'S PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THE DUTCH ARE BETTER OFF ENERGY WISE THAN SOME OF THEIR EC PARTNERS, THEY ARE UNEASY ABOUT THE PRESENT "NO WAR, NO PEACE" SITUATION BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS AND ARE NOT ABLE TO FORGET THAT THEY WERE THE OBJECT OF ARAB ANIMOSITY, INCLUDING AN OIL BOYCOTT THAT COULD BE RENEWED IN A NEW CONFRONTATION SITUATION. BRINKHORST WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING HOW THE EC AND THE US CAN COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO MASTER THE GROWING RECESSION IN THE DEVELOPED ECONOMIES.

(D) ASST. SEC. ENDERS. ESSENTIALLY THE SAME SUBJECTS AS WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY.

(E) MESSRS. TRAIN AND HERTER. THE FULL RANGE
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OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THE US EXPERIENCE IN COMBATING POLLUTION AND PROMOTING A CLEAN, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

3. BILATERAL RELATIONS. BRINKHORST WILL PROBABLY BRING UP THE CIVIL AIR TALKS, EMPHASIZING, AS HE DID IN HIS TALK IN THE HAGUE WITH DEP. ASST. SEC. WALDMANN (THE HAGUE 5209) THEIR IMPORTANCE TO US-DUTCH POLITICAL

RELATIONS. HE WILL ARGUE STRONGLY AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE US AND URGE THE ACTING SECRETARY AND OTHER US OFFICIALS TO KEEP MATTERS IN SUSPENSE UNTIL FONMIN VAN DER STOEL HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM THOROUGHLY WITH THE SECRETARY AT THEIR ANTICIPATED MEETING AT THE TIME OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL NEXT MONTH.

4. WHILE BRINKHORST HAS NO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME OF THE TOPICS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED IN ONE OR MORE OF HIS MEETINGS, E.G. THE MIDDLE EAST, AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS, HE CAN BE RELIED UPON TO ASSIMILATE ANY POINTS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO GET ACROSS TO THE GON THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF BRINKHORST. HE IS APPROACHING HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE HE HAS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO SAY TO US (WITH THE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF DUTCH SENSITIVITY ON THE CIVIL AIR QUESTION) BUT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO HEAR AND DISCUSS US VIEWS AND PROJECTIONS ON A NUMBER OF MULTI-LATERAL ISSUES OF GREAT INTEREST TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO HIM PERSONALLY.
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